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SUBJECT: EGYPTIAN REACTION TO JORDANIAN NOMINATION FOR ARAB
LEAGUE SEC GEN

1. ROSE AL-YUSUF REPORTED AUGUST 30 THAT JORDAN HAS NOMINATED
FORMER PRIMIN ABD AL-MUNIM RIFA'I TO REPLACE ARAB LEAGUE SEC GEN
MAHMUD RIAD UPON EXPIRATION OF HIS TERM IN SEPTEMBER 1977.

2. ONLY PRESS COMMENT ON JORDANIAN ACTION WAS SHORT EDITORIAL
AUGUST 22 BY AH RAM EDITOR FOR ARAB AFFAIRS 'IHSAM BAKR.
EDITORIAL SAID THAT WHILE IT MAY SEEM PREMATURE TO DISCUSS
NOMINATION OF NEXT AL SYG, EXTENSIVE CONTACTS ARE NECESSARY AND
IT NOT TOO SOON TO BEGIN. ONE COUNTRY, "WHICH STILL PRETENDS
TO BE CONFRONTATION STATE," HAS BEGUN AND IS SUPPORTED BY ANOTHER
STATE. WHILE THEIR OSTENSIBLE AIM IS TO GIVE NEW LIFE TO AL,
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THE INVISIBLE AIM IS CLEARLY TO ISOLATE EGYPT. THEREFORE,

EGYPT MUST PREPARE THE GROUNDWORK FOR AGREEMENT ON THE NEW
SYG, FOR IT IS EGYPT WHICH HAS SUFFERED THROUGH FOUR WARS
AND WHICH CONTINUES TO SUFFER FOR THE ARAB CAUSE. IT IS
THE DESTINY OF EGYPT THAT NO ARAB ACTION OR ARAB SOLIDARITY
CAN TAKE PLACE WITHOUT CAIRO. EDITORIAL CALLS FOR GOE ACTION
NOW.

3. COMMENT: EDITORIAL CAN BE CONSIDERED A VERY SUBDUED EXPRESSION
OF WHAT GOE ALMOST CERTAINLY CONSIDERS PRESUMPTUOUSNESS OF
JORDAN IN PUTTING FORWARD RIFAT'S CANDIDACY.
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